

# Youth Athletic Facilities Program

#### Purpose

Washingtonians are an active population. A survey completed by the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation in 2000 revealed that nearly 45 percent of residents participated in outdoor team or individual sports. To meet that demand, the Youth Athletic Facilities Program provides grants to develop, equip, maintain, and improve youth and community athletic facilities.

Washington voters approved the program as part of Referendum 48, which provided funding for the Seattle Seahawks stadium. This unique grant program provides funding for three types of projects: Acquisition and development of new facilities, improvements to current facilities, and maintenance of existing facilities. The funding is split equally between the three categories.



The City of Des Moines used a \$300,000 grant to develop softball fields.

# Accomplishments

Since beginning in 1998, the Youth

Athletic Facilities Program has awarded \$11 million in grants to 179 projects. Grant recipients have contributed another \$20 million or a 64 percent of the total project costs in matching funds.

## Who Can Apply?

- Cities
- Counties
- Qualified non-profit organizations

Grant recipients must provide at least 50 percent matching funds in either cash or inkind contributions.

#### **Grant Evaluation Process**

The Community and Outdoor Athletic Facilities Advisory Council, which is a citizen advisory group established by 1998 legislation, evaluates grant applications in a competitive process.

## Where Does the Money Come From?

The Seattle Seahawks "team affiliate" contributed an initial \$10 million in December 1998. Additional revenue would come from non-expended Seahawks stadium bonds.

#### **Grant Recipients**

Aberdeen Adams County

Asotin County Little League

Auburn

Bainbridge Island Soccer Club

Bellingham

**Boistfort Lions Club** 

Borleske Stadium Association

Bothell

Boys & Girls Clubs of Pierce

County Bremerton Brewster Brier Buckley Burien Camas

Castle Rock Soccer Club

Centralia

Cashmere

Chehalis Community Services

Chehalis Little League

Chelan County

Chelan

Chewelah Golf & Country Cub

Colfax

Community Foundation for

Southwest Washington

Coulee Dam Cowlitz County Deer Park Des Moines Dugout Club Duvall Eastmont
Ellensburg
Endicott
Enumclaw
Federal Way
Ferndale

Fife Fircrest

Gig Harbor Little League

Goldendale Grand Coulee Grays Harbor County

Greater Wenatchee Girls
Softball Association

Harmony Sports Association

Hazel Dell Little League Hunters Community 4H

Fair

Ilwaco Sports Boosters

Issaquah

Kennewick American Youth Baseball

Kent

Key Peninsula Little League

King County Kitsap County

Lake Washington Youth Soccer

Lakewood Leavenworth Longview Longview-Kelso Lynden

Lynden Maple Valley



The City of Issaquah used a \$50,000 grant to replace a boiler at this popular swimming pool.

Marysville Milton Montesano Morton Chamber of Commerce Mount Vernon Oak Harbor Olympia Omak Oroville Othello Pacific County Pacific Little League Pasco Pierce County Pomerov

Prairie Soccer Club



The City of Pasco used a \$5000 grant to resurface this basketball court.

Prosser

Pullman Education Foundation

Puyallup Quincy Richland

Ridgefield Booster Club

Seattle

Sedro Woolley Playfield

Association
Sequim
Skagit County
Snohomish
Snohomish County

Soap Lake

South Mason Youth Soccer South Whidbey Youth Soccer

Spokane County

Sultan Sumner Tacoma

**Thurston County** 

Thurston County Softball

Association Tonasket University Place

Upper Kittitas County Baseball

Upper Valley Sports &

Recreation

Wahkiakum County

Walla Walla Wenatchee

Wenatchee Youth Baseball Whatcom Soccer Commission

Yakima County

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Yakima Valley Opportunities Industrialization Center

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